

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Sunder Ramani, Candidate Ramani for Assembly 2010 REDACTED

Pamela Corradi, Treasurer Ramani for Assembly 2010 REDACTED

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/507, Sunder Ramani, Ramani for Assembly 2010, and Pamela Corradi, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Ramani and Ms. Corradi:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"), found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a complaint filed against you that alleged your committee, Ramani for Assembly 2010, had not filed several required campaign reports.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you and your committee, Ramani for Assembly 2010, did not file 33 required reports electronically within 24 hours with the Secretary of State disclosing the committee's receipt of contributions of \$1,000 or more. (GC § 85309.)

The Act provides that a committee's failing to file required campaign reports is a violation. Specifically, the Act requires that, in addition to the periodic campaign reports required to be filed by candidates, a candidate for elective state office who is required to file reports electronically pursuant to Section 84605 must file online with the Secretary of State a report disclosing receipt of a

The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

contribution of \$1,000 or more received during an election cycle, defined as the period of time commencing 90 days prior to an election and ending on the date of the election. (GC §§ 85309 and 85204.) Ramani for Assembly 2010 met the threshold for filing electronically and so was required to file reports pursuant to Section 85309. (GC § 84605.) Your actions violated the Act because Ramani for Assembly 2010 failed to file 33 of these reports. Because, however, Ms. Corradi, as treasurer for Ramani for Assembly 2010, was not aware of the requirements for these reports and because she filed the reports immediately when notified, we have decided to close this case.

This letter serves as a written warning. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Adrianne Korchmaros at (916) 322-8241.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk, Chief Enforcement Division

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